

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please add the following after the title, "BACE455, AN ALTERNATIVE SPLICE VARIANT OF THE HUMAN BETA-SECRETASE."*

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/IB2004/003897, filed on November 5, 2004, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/517,401, filed November 6, 2003, the disclosures of each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.